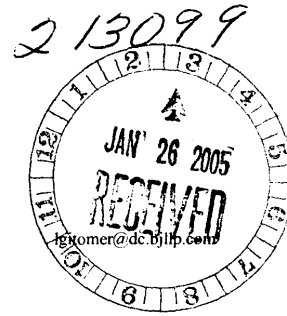


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RE: Docket No. 565 (Sub-No. 10X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—
Abandonment Exemption—in Worcester County, MA*
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 616X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of
Service Exemption—in Worcester County, MA*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The City of Fitchburg and the City of Leominster (the "Cities") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expired on January 23, 2005. Even though the previous extension has expired, CSX Transportation, Inc., on its own behalf and as successor in interest by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Cities, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Cities, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to reinstate and grant a 180-day extension of time to July 22, 2005 to negotiate trail use with the Cities. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests a 180-day extension to consummate the abandonment from March 23, 2005 to September 19, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

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cc: The Honorable Dan H. Mylott
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